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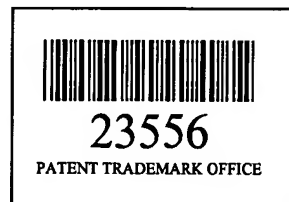
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New Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application.

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1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
2. A Specification having a total of thirty-five (35) pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and forty (40) claims.
3. Six (6) sheets of drawings.
4. An unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. And, if indicated:
 - ☐ A preliminary amendment.
 - ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.
 - ☐ A Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2) (B)(i).

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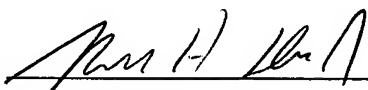
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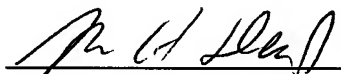


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Applicants hereby request a filing date of December 13, 2001 be granted for the attached patent application.

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